

Holiday Spirit Cheers Society

NATALIE SUMNER LINCOLN.

HE holiday spirit is charging the social atmosphere with more vim at Vigor, and from now until Christmas there will be plenty of entertainsents to keep every one busy. The woman of fashion these days ca never find an idle hour. In the morning she shops, in the afternoon pays flying calls, drops in at a tea or reception, then home in time to dress for dinner which is sometimes followed by a theater party, but more often by a dance, and not until the "cold gray dawn" of another day appears is she permitted to g

The numerous conventions and congresses which have met in Washingto eccutly have brought many strangers here, and much entertaining, formal and informal, has been done in their honor when they were at feisure. But the casual visitor to the National Capital seldom sees beyond the surface in the social intercourse here.

Washington in its way is unique. It has now become the social center of the United States in the same way that Paris focuses the attention of Frenchmen living elsewhere. Hundreds of residents of Washington have accomplished their life work or achieved fame in other cities before coming here for relax

Many sets are represented in Washington's complex society. Eminent scientists, musicians, arti.ts, whose names are household words, are now residing here, as well as members of the Diplomatic Corps and political and official life efficers of the army and navy, the resident circle, and the so-called "smart set." In no officer city is so much attention paid to society and its doing, and the larger Washington grows the more its society divides into cliques. The hostess who brings these sets and cliques together in her drawing-rooms in one harmoni whole deserves the title "social leader."

Cynics may effect to count social leadership lightly, but it means a great deal to every thinking person, and the lives of women who attain it are as imin their influence on society as those of dominating statesmen on the political aspect of their era.

The real leaders of society are not always those heralded as such, nor are they necessarily those whose husbands occupy high official positions. In fact, since the days of Dolly Madison who, as the "Widow Madison," ruled society so long and so tactfully, the acknowledged society leaders have been women who attained that position after the death of their husbands, and personal magnetism and tact have been their chief assets in attaining that leadership

The salon, which obtained during the lifetime of Mrs. Ogle Tayloe and Mrs. Dahlgren, the wife of Admiral Dahlgren, followed by that of Mrs. Mc-Callister Laughton and Mrs. Harriet Lane Johnson, awaits another accomplished

There have been many changes in Washington's kaleidoscopic and cost politan society during the past year, and it is still a debatable point as to who will become the social arbiter of the future. The National Capital is to be congratulated on the many brilliant and cultivated women who make Washington

A number of notable entertainments marked last week. The reception to the President and Mrs. Wilson at the Congressional Club, the dinner-dance at the German Embassy fast night, and the reception Thursday afternoon, given by Mrs. Henry F. Dimock for her son-in-law and daughter, the Comselor of he Italian Embassy and Mme. Catalani, started the social ball rolling. The iastic debutantes, too, had their fun, and many enjoyable teas were given

A great deal of the entertaining this winter will be done by the members of ise Diplomatic Corps. The French Ambassador and Mmc. Jusserand and the German Ambassador and Countess von Bernstorff are already noted for their generous hospitality, and they are planning delightful social calendars for the winter. The arrival of the Ambassador of Austria-Hungary and Mme. Dumba will also be the signal for much hospitality, as they will be extensively enter-

The President and Mrs. Wilson will give their first Cabinet dinner of the eason on Thursday night, when the members of the President's "official family" will be their guests. They entertained the Cabinet officers and their wives at dinner at the White clouse last spring.

ners will play their allotted part in affairs social this winter. In fact, nother busy Washington season has once again commenced, and invitations are being issued for six weeks ahead, so that anxious hostesses can be sure of se-

The dance at Rauscher's tomorrow night for the benefit of the free wards of Columbia Hospital will be one of the smartest affairs given this winter. An

SISS MARGARET PECHTELER. The Attractive Young Doughter of Copt. and Mrs. Pechteler, Who is Being Extensively Entertained by Her Friends.

Edwards, Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Winston, and Mrs. Charles B. Hoppin. Others assisting were Miss Marie Peary, Miss Dorothy Wyeth the Misses Merrismi, Miss Helen Heyl, Miss Helen Kimmell, Miss Helen Heyl, Miss Helen Kimmell, Miss Helen Heyl, Miss Hother Whiling, Miss Katherine Keing, Miss Esther Whiling, Miss Katherine Andrews, and Miss Esther Foote.

The receiving party and additional ricedus were entertained at an information supper and stance after the tea.

Miss Ethel Rose, who will be presented to Variabilitation society by her mother, may be a supper and stance after the tea.

Marquise Citra Lanza di Brolo was hostensi yesiterday afternoon at an in-formal reception at her apartment in R Street in compliment in her son and daughter-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Anthony Lansa, who have just arrived in Washington to spend the winter, Mrs. Daniel Smith Gordon assisted in receiving the guests.

Representative and Mrs. John N. Gar-ner, of Texas, entertained at dinner last night at their spartment at the Bur-lington.

Gen. Daingerfield Parker, of Chevy

The Assistant Secretary of the and Mrs. Henry Breckenridge wil a dinner Wednesday night in hor Miss Eleanor Wilson.

Mrs. Gus Wallerstein is spending ime in New York with friends.

Mrs. Stephen B. Elkins will entertain a dinner on Thursday evening in co-pliment to Cardinal Gibbons.

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to Washington modely by her mothe Mrs. Wickliffe Rose, at a the dansant a Rauscher's, December 22, will arrive her from Vassar College December 26.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Luckett have turned to the city after spending a shitten in New York.

Mrs. Danied Luckett have returned to the city after spending a short time in New York.

The members of the Princeton Triangle Club. the dramatic organization of Princeton University, will arrive Washington next Sunday, and on Monday afternoon at the Belance Theaster will produce their new play, 'The 'Parmit of Priscilla'.

The members of the club are to be extensively extertained during their two-days visit in Washington, Sunday afternoon a reception in their honor is to be given by Mrs. Icasian Pserce, fe. Monday, Mrs. Charles Henry Butler will fine a buffet headth for them. Immediately after the Rent Butler will fine a buffet headth of the land of the benefit of the Working Boys' Home. Monday night the Princeton Alumni Association, which is the University Chib. Mrs. Mablos Pitney and Mrs. Jessph W. Balley, will each have some of the members of the Triangle Club at the University Chib. Mrs. Mablos Pitney and Mrs. Jessph W. Balley will each have some of the members of the Triangle Club as their house guests during the club's stay in Washington, Mr. Justice Pitney being the predicted of the District of Columbia Alumni Association, and Mr. Joseph W. Balley, in the District of Columbia Alumni Association, and Mr. Joseph W. Balley, in the District of Columbia Alumni Association, and Mr. Joseph W. Balley, in the District of Columbia Alumni Association, and Mr. Joseph W. Balley, in the District of Columbia Alumni Association, and Mrs. Joseph W. Balley, in the District of Columbia Alumni Association, and Mrs. Joseph W. Balley, in the District of Columbia Alumni Association, and Mrs. Joseph W. Balley, in the District of Columbia Alumni Association, and Mr. Joseph W. Balley, in the District of Columbia Alumni Association, and Mr. Joseph W. Balley, in the District of Columbia Alumni Association, and Mr. Joseph W. Balley, in the District of Columbia Alumni Association, and Mr. Joseph W. Balley in the District of Columbia Alumni Association, and Mr. Joseph W. Balley, in the District of Columbia Alumni Association in the Di

Mr. Anthony Addison, Dr. Key, Dr. E.
Mr. Parker, Dr. Sterling Ruffin, and Mr.
Subridge Jordan.

The members and officers of the board
of lady managers of Columbia Hospitas
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The executive board of the Women's National Democratic League, Mrs. William A. Cullop, of Indiana; Mrs. Edward T. Taylor, of Colorado: Mrs. John E. Raker, of California; Mrs. Randolph D. Hopkins, of this city; Mrs. Mary C. Adams, of Virginia; Mrs. J. Charles Linthleum, of Maryland, and Mrs. C. C. McChord, of Kentucky, nave issued a general invitation to resident members of the league to attend am informal reception at Congress Hall Tuesday evening, December M. from \$25 to 11 o'clock.

Mr. Lovy, who spent a few days in the ity during the last week, has returned o his home in Philadelphis.

Saturday aftersoon, December 27, from tontil of cinck in the New Willard ball-room for the benefit of the National Junior Republic.

Miss Generieve Clark has already engaged a nimber of tables for a Darty of young friends.

The list of piatronesses includes Mrs. E. T. Stotesbury of Philadelphia; Mrs. E. T. Stotesbury of Philadelphia; Mrs. John Hay, Mrs. Franklin K. Lame, Mrs. Albert S. Burleson, Mrs. Lamer, Mus. Petzel, Mrs. Junius MacMurray, Mrs. Breckeoridge Bayne, Mrs. Charles J. Rell, Mrs. Montgomery Bisir, Mrs. Murray Cobb, Mrs. J. William Henry, Mrs. Howard, Mrs. Ropert Rocaveelt, Mrs. Louis Leitr, Mrs. Lawrence Heap, Mrs. William Barrett Ridgely, Mrs. Royal B. Bradford, Mrs. William Corcuran Hill, Mrs. Archiboid Hopkins, Mrs. Neale, Mrs. Horace Westcott, Mrs. Nelson Edward Peric Mrs. Baldwin, Mrs. Nesse, Mrs. Horace Westcott, Mrs. Royal B. Bradford, Mrs. William Corcuran Hill, Mrs. Archiboid Hopkins, Mrs. Nesse, Mrs. Horace Westcott, Mrs. Royal B. Bradford, Mrs. Baldwin, Mrs. Joseph E. Thropp, Mrs. Henry Alein, Mrs. Calvo, Mrs. Alexander Britton, Mrs. Young, Mrs. Victor Kauffman, Mrs. Growen, Miss Harriet Douglas, Mrs. Edward St. John Greibe, Mrs. E. Beatty, Mrs. Leonard Wood, Mrs. James J. Mitchell, Mrs. Chester Wells, Mrs. Edward St. John Greibe Miss. Emille Pitch, Mrs. Chester Wells, Mrs. Charles Doughton Wood, and Mrs. James Dudley Morgan.

Mrs. Chariotte Conger entertained at an informal tea for young people yeater-day afternoon at 5 o'clock, in her apartment at the Cordova, in compliment to her daughter, Mrs. Pitch, wife of Lleut. A. W. Pitch, who is now at the Navai Observatory until his ship is ready for sea duty. Miss Harriet Conger assisted her mother in receiving the guests.

to Mr. Arthur Nattans, both of Baltimore.

Mrs. Harriett L. Harbert entertained at a little flag evening last week in honor of Master Edward flarry Heyl Little Edward, who is only six years old, is the graudosphew of former President Hayes, his mother, formerly Mns. Mitchell, having been often an honored a mineral management of the flags of the mineral mothers. This little fellow has taken such interest in visiting the white House, where he saw a portrait of his distinguished under and aunt, also in visiting the President Ripses was fond of the Statinguished under and aunt, also in visiting the President Ripses was fond of the Capitol and other places where it is known that President Ripses was fond of the Statinguished the Worrelt Ball, who may be to the stating the Worrelt Ball, who may be to the stating was given by Mrs. Inshell Worrelt Ball, who may be to be

The Misses Gladys and Lucille Lower berg have returned to their home in Nor folk after visiting friends here.

Mrs. Weaver Is Hostess

One of the most delightful of the early winter dances was given by Mrs. George A. Weaver, 18th Wiscondin avenue north-west, Thronday the 11th, in honor of her brother, Lieut. Theodore Harnes, Ir., if. S. A., who left is Sturday night for Fort Bilms, Tyx., where his regiment the Fitnesstin cavalry, is studied. Among those invited were Misses Durothy Dobyns, Kathleen Anderson, Maitland Piper, Doris Moors, Nellis Claire Howard, Moors, Piper, Dorothy Shuey, Lanette Masses, Mars. Helen McCumber, Lieut. Amics, Helen McCumber, Lieut. Parkers, Educt. Maises, Mars. Helen McCumber, Smith. Helen McCumber, Lieut. Parkers, Educt. Maises, Mars. Helen McCumber, Mrs. One of the most delightful of the early

Mrs. Patten, wife of Representative Patten, entertained at a luncheon yea-terday in the pain room of the New Willard. The table was attractively dec-orated with chrysantheums. The guests were Miss Genevieve Clark, the Misses

Mrs. G. W. Knowiton and Miss Knowl-ton, of Watertown, N. Y., are at the Hotel Powhatan.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Carpenter, of Chl-cago, are registered at the Hotel Pow-hatan.

CHEVY CHASE.

Judge J. Wilmer Latimer and familys Mr. and Mrs. John L. Rhigway enter-tained for their card club last evening.

Miss Elies McCubbin has returned from a visit to Bichmond, Va.

Mr. J. Mshyllie Sanderson will arrive Tuesday to be the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sanderson, for the Christmas holidays. Mr. Sanderson attends the V. P. J.

Mr. and Mrs. Advise A. Hoching enter-

GEORGETOWN.

Miss Mollie Lightfoot, of Richmond, was the recent guest of Miss Mary Ball. Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Nicholson en-tertained at an informal dance Wednes-day evening at the Dumbarton Club. Mr. and Mrs. Harris Crist, of Brooklyn, N. Y., were the guests of honor.

Mayor C. C. Williams, of Watertowing Arsenal, Mass., is the guest for a few days, of his mother and sisters, in the Kanawha.

The Georgetown assembly dance, which took place last Monday evening, was a most brilliant affair. The next dance will be December 2.

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